

House Resolution 1758

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130th, Day of the 163rd, Walker of the 107th, Cooper of the 41st, Bell of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lymphedema is swelling in the body as the result of an accumulation of fluid
4 in body tissue which is caused by a genetic condition or the disruption of the lymphatic
5 system's ability to clean and filter lymph in the body; and

6 WHEREAS, Lymphedema can occur at any time in a person's life after an initial injury to
7 the lymphatic system; and

8 WHEREAS, if this problem is not treated properly, it can progress and cause a high risk of
9 infection, result in expensive hospitalization and antibiotic treatments, and lead to disability
10 or death; and

11 WHEREAS, Lymphedema requires life-long management, and proper treatment for
12 Lymphedema can greatly increase a patient's quality of life; and

13 WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network is a nonprofit organization of individuals
14 who are lymphedema patients, or who have an interest in lymphedema; and

15 WHEREAS, the goal of the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network is to educate, promote
16 awareness, and provide support for lymphedema patients, the medical community, family
17 and caregivers, insurance companies, the general public, and lymphedema support groups;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network will visit the capitol on March 24, 2010,
20 to meet with legislators and their staff, educate the members of the General Assembly and
21 the public on living with Lymphedema, and bring hope and support to Lymphedema
22 sufferers and their families.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the efforts of the Lighthouse Lymphedema Network to
25 support and advocate on behalf of Lymphedema patients and welcome this fine organization
26 to the state capitol.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Lighthouse
29 Lymphedema Network.